

Hamburgh Village House
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HAMBURGH ¹ VILLAGE HOUSE
412 20th Street, NW.
Washington, District of Columbia

Owner: Not given.

Date of Erection: About 1790.

Architect and Builder: No record.

Present Condition: Destroyed March 1935.

Number of Stories: One and a half, and basement.

Materials of Construction: Wood; brick basement.

Other Existing Records: See text. ²

Additional Data: See following pages:

¹ This is the old name as seen on ancient maps of Washington.

² For notes about the town of Hamburg, see Bryan, W.G., A Hist-
of the National Capital, volume 1, pages, 59, 125.

"HAMBERG HOUSE"

This old house at No. 2003 New York Avenue, N. W. in the¹
District of Columbia derives its name from an old village called Hamberg,
which already existed before the District, as we know it, was laid out by
Major l'Enfant. *House destroyed March, 1935.*

There is an old map in the Library of Congress showing the
entire country on the North of the Potomac, now covered by the District.
This map is the one which, it is supposed, l'Enfant used as a basis in
making his lay-out for the new Capitol City; it shows Hamberg Village at
the Southern end of an early land grant called "Widows Mite," on the high
ground at about the present position of the Naval Hospital and extending
on the North almost to Pennsylvania Avenue, and on the East to about 19th
Street, N. W.

Hamberg Village, like many other towns of the period, including
Carrollsbury on Buzzard's Point, was laid out on the simple gridiron plan,
generally used throughout Maryland by the land speculators of the time.
Only a few of the original village houses were built when the city of
Washington was laid out. The measured drawings of one of these is our
so-called "Hamberg house."

Harry Shawn, who wrote under the name of the "Rambler", was an
authority on "Washingtoniana." He states that Hamberg Village was also
known as "Funkstown" and lost its identity when the city of Washington
was built.

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¹ Evidently not correct address. See title page of drawings.

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